

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

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H.R. 1213, to make administrative and technical corrections to the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995. Signed on March 20, 2015. (Public Law 114–6)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2015

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: to hold hearings to examine waters of the United States, focusing on stakeholder perspectives on the impacts of the Environmental Protection Agency's proposed rule, 10 a.m., SD–106.

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2016 for the Judiciary, 10:30 a.m., SD–138.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine United States Middle East policy, 9:30 a.m., SH–216.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the regulatory regime for regional banks, 10 a.m., SD–538.

Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance, and Investment, to hold hearings to examine capital formation and reducing small business burdens, 2:30 p.m., SD–538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety and Security, to hold hearings to examine surface transportation reauthorization, focusing on performance, not prescription, 10 a.m., SR–253.

Subcommittee on Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security, to hold hearings to examine unmanned aircraft systems, focusing on key considerations regarding safety, innovation, economic impact, and privacy, 2:30 p.m., SR–253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine management reforms to improve forest health and socioeconomic opportunities on the nation's forest system, 10 a.m., SD–366.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine continuing America's leadership, focusing on advancing research and development for patients, 10 a.m., SD–430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine securing the border, focusing on assessing the impact of transnational crime, 10 a.m., SD–342.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Sally Quillian Yates, of Georgia, to be Deputy Attorney General, Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD–226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the Veterans Choice Act, focusing on exploring the distance criteria, 2:30 p.m., SR–418.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH–219.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Full Committee, hearing on examination of the costs and impacts of mandatory biotechnology laws, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Commodity Exchanges, Energy, and Credit, hearing on reauthorizing the CFTC: end-user views, 1 p.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, hearing for American Indian and Alaska Native public and outside witnesses, 9 a.m., B–308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, hearing on Department of Agriculture Research Agencies budget, 10 a.m., 2362–A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Defense, hearing on Missile Defense Agency budget, 10 a.m., H–140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, hearing on Nuclear Regulatory Commission budget, 10 a.m., 2362–B Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Homeland Security, hearing on Coast Guard budget, 10 a.m., H–309 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, hearing on National Labor Relations Board budget, 10 a.m., 2358–C Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, hearing on Housing and Urban Development Programs budget, 10 a.m., 2358–A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, hearing on Federal Communications Commission budget, 11 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, hearing on Assistance to Central America budget, 2:30 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, hearing entitled "Fiscal Year 2016 Atomic Energy Defense Hearing", 3:30 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, hearing on H.R. 548, the "Certainty in Enforcement Act of 2015"; H.R. 549, the "Litigation Oversight Act of 2015"; H.R. 550, the "EEOC Transparency and Accountability Act"; and H.R. 1189, the "Preserving Employee Wellness Programs Act", 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "Examining the 340B Drug Pricing Program", 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing and Trade, hearing entitled "The Internet of Things: Exploring the Next Technology Frontier", 11 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy, hearing on the "Improving Coal Combustion Residuals Regulation Act of 2015", 2 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy, markup on the "Improving Coal Combustion Residuals Regulation Act of 2015", 5 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade, markup on the “Data Security and Breach Notification Act of 2015”, immediately following the conclusion of opening statements for the Environment and Economy Subcommittee markup, 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Examining the SEC’s Agenda, Operations, and FY 2016 Budget Request”, 10 a.m., HVC–210.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation’s Role in Operation Choke Point”, 2 p.m., HVC–210.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, hearing entitled “The U.S. Rebalance in South Asia: Foreign Aid and Development Priorities”, 11 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, hearing entitled “Oversight of the State Department and Agency for International Development Funding Priorities for the Western Hemisphere”, 11 a.m., 2255 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa, hearing entitled “Iran’s Noncompliance with Its International Atomic Energy Agency Obligations”, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations, hearing entitled “After Paris and Copenhagen: Responding to the Rising Tide of Anti-Semitism”, 2:30 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Full Committee, hearing entitled “A Global Battleground: The Fight against Islamist Extremism at Home and Abroad”, 10:30 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 348, the “Responsibly And Professionally Invigorating Development Act of 2015”; H.R. 712, the “Sunshine for Regulatory Decrees and Settlements Act of 2015”; H.R. 1155, the “Searching for and Cutting Regulations that are Unnecessarily Burdensome Act of 2015”; H.R. 690, the “Providing Accountability Through Transparency Act of 2015”; and H.R. 889, the “Foreign Cultural Exchange Jurisdictional Immunity Clarification Act”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Federal Lands, hearing entitled “Examining the Spending Priorities and Missions of the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management in the President’s FY 2016 Budget Proposals”, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Water, Power, and Oceans, hearing entitled “Examining the Spending Priorities and Missions of the Bureau of Reclamation, the Power Marketing Administrations and USGS Water Division in the President’s FY 2016 Budget Proposal”, 10:30 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing entitled “Examining the Spending Priorities and Mission of the U.S. Geological Survey in the President’s FY 2016 Budget Proposal”, 1 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Full Committee, markup on H.R. 152, the “Corolla Wild Horses Protection Act”; H.R. 308, the “Keep the Promise Act of 2015”; H.R. 373, the “Good Samaritan Search and Recovery Act”; H.R. 404, to authorize early

repayment of obligations to the Bureau of Reclamation within the Northport Irrigation District in the State of Nebraska; H.R. 533, to revoke the charter of incorporation of the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma at the request of that tribe, and for other purposes; H.R. 979, to designate a mountain in the John Muir Wilderness of the Sierra National Forest as “Sky Point”; H.R. 984, to amend the National Trails System Act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study on the feasibility of designating the Chief Standing Bear National Historic Trail, and for other purposes; H.R. 1168, the “Native American Children Safety Act”; and H.R. 1324, the “Arapaho National Forest Boundary Adjustment Act of 2015”, 4 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Full Committee, hearing entitled “USSS: Holding the Protectors Accountable”, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Subcommittee on Space, hearing entitled “Searching for the Origins of the Universe: An Update on the Progress of the James Webb Space Telescope”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Energy, hearing entitled “Department of Energy Oversight: Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy”, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing entitled “Options for FAA Air Traffic Control Reform”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, hearing on H.R. 456, the “Reducing Barriers for Veterans Education Act of 2015”; H.R. 473, the “Increasing the Department of Veterans Affairs Accountability to Veterans Act of 2015”; H.R. 474, the “Homeless Veterans’ Reintegration Programs Reauthorization Act of 2015”; H.R. 475, the “GI Bill Processing Improvement Act of 2015”; H.R. 476, the “GI Bill Education Quality Enhancement Act of 2015”; H.R. 643, the “Veterans Education Survey Act of 2015”; H.R. 1038, the “Ensuring VA Employee Accountability Act”; H.R. 1141, to amend title 38, United States Code, to consider certain time spent by members of reserve components of the Armed Forces while receiving medical care from the Secretary of Defense as active duty for purposes of eligibility for Post-9/11 Educational Assistance, and for other purposes; H.R. 1187, to amend title 38, United States Code, to adjust certain limits on the guaranteed amount of a home loan under the home loan program of the Department of Veterans Affairs; H.R. 1313, the “Service Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business Relief Act”; and H.R. 1382, the “Boosting Rates of American Veteran Employment Act”, 2 p.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Oversight, hearing on the federal government’s use of data analysis—particularly the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services’ Fraud Prevention System (FPS)—to identify emerging trends, and stop Medicare fraud, 10 a.m., B–318 Rayburn.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Subcommittee on Defense and Overhead Architecture, budget hearing, 2 p.m., HVC–304. This hearing will be closed.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of March 24 through March 27, 2015

Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, at approximately 10 a.m., Senate will continue consideration of S. Con. Res. 11, Budget Resolution.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

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Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: March 24, to hold hearings to examine waters of the United States, focusing on stakeholder perspectives on the impacts of the Environmental Protection Agency's proposed rule, 10 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Appropriations: March 24, Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2016 for the Judiciary, 10:30 a.m., SD-138.

March 25, Subcommittee on Department of Defense, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2016 for the Defense Health Program, 9 a.m., SD-192.

March 25, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2016 for the Department of Energy, 2:30 p.m., SD-124.

March 26, Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, to hold hearings to examine diplomacy, development, and national security, 10 a.m., SD-192.

March 26, Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2016 for the Department of Labor, 10 a.m., SD-138.

Committee on Armed Services: March 24, to hold hearings to examine United States Middle East policy, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

March 25, Subcommittee on SeaPower, to hold hearings to examine Navy and Marine Corps aviation programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2016 and the Future Years Defense Program, 9 a.m., SR-222.

March 25, Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support, to hold hearings to examine the current state of readiness of U.S. forces in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2016 and the Future Years Defense Program, 2:30 p.m., SR-232A.

March 25, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to hold hearings to examine ballistic missile defense programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2016 and the Future Years Defense Program, 3 p.m., SR-222.

March 26, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine U.S. Central Command, U.S. Africa Command and U.S. Special Operations Command programs and budget

in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2016 and the Future Years Defense Program; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC-217 following the open session, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: March 24, to hold hearings to examine the regulatory regime for regional banks, 10 a.m., SD-538.

March 24, Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance, and Investment, to hold hearings to examine capital formation and reducing small business burdens, 2:30 p.m., SD-538.

March 25, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine Financial Stability Oversight Council (FSOC) accountability, focusing on nonbank designations, 2 p.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: March 24, Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety and Security, to hold hearings to examine surface transportation reauthorization, focusing on performance, not prescription, 10 a.m., SR-253.

March 24, Subcommittee on Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security, to hold hearings to examine unmanned aircraft systems, focusing on key considerations regarding safety, innovation, economic impact, and privacy, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

March 25, Full Committee, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: March 24, to hold hearings to examine management reforms to improve forest health and socioeconomic opportunities on the nation's forest system, 10 a.m., SD-366.

March 26, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the Administration's Quadrennial Energy Review, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Foreign Relations: March 25, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Paul A. Folmsbee, of Oklahoma, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Mali, Mary Catherine Phee, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to the Republic of South Sudan, Cassandra Q. Butts, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Commonwealth of The Bahamas, and Katherine Simonds Dhanani, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Somalia, all of the Department of State, 2:15 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: March 24, to hold hearings to examine continuing America's leadership, focusing on advancing research and development for patients, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: March 24, to hold hearings to examine securing the border, focusing on assessing the impact of transnational crime, 10 a.m., SD-342.

March 25, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine securing the border, focusing on understanding and addressing the root causes of Central American migration to the United States, 2 p.m., SD-342.

March 26, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine securing the border, focusing on defining the current population living in the shadows and addressing future flows, 10 a.m., SD-342.